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Poets, authors to take part in SPEAK: An Explorative Lecture Series

Evansville, IN, October 12, 2021 – SPEAK: An Explorative Lecture Series will feature a reading and conversation between authors Ross Gay and Amit Majmudar.

The discussion will cover poetry, food, and creative expression as a hybrid program on Tuesday, November 9 at 6:00 pm. The event will take place in-person at EVPL Oaklyn and as a Zoom.

“This event will explore the creative intersection between food and literature,” said EVPL Social Impact Research Manager Charles Sutton. “These authors have a unique connection to food and it influences their work in interesting ways.”

- **Ross Gay** is an author and poet and the winner of the 2015 National Book Critics Circle Award and the 2016 Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award. He is also a founding board member of the Bloomington Community Orchard, a nonprofit, free-fruit-for-all food justice and joy project.
- **Amit Majmudar** is an award-winning author and poet. His works include *Heaven and Earth* which was chosen for a Donald Justice Poetry Prize, and *0°, 0°* which was a finalist for a Poetry Society of America’s Norma Farber First Book Award. He served as Ohio’s first poet laureate and works as a diagnostic nuclear radiologist.

[SPEAK: An Explorative Lecture Series](#) is a lecture and discussion series that brings in authors and thought leaders. EVPL hopes to further our vision of communities united through shared exploration and understanding by supporting and encouraging conversation through the SPEAK initiative.

SPEAK is sponsored by the [EVPL Foundation](#) and [donations](#) from the community.

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